

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as shown:

Please delete paragraph [0006] and replace it with the following paragraph:

[0006] Figure 1 is an analytical IEC-HPLC of 180µg of PEG-IFN alpha 2a showing the separation between positional isomers.

Figure 2 (**Figure 2A, 2B**) is an SDS-PAGE gel analysis of the positional isomers under non-reduced conditions.

Figure 3 (**Figure 3A, 3B**) is an SDS-PAGE gel analysis of the positional isomers under reduced conditions.

Figure 4 is a size exclusion (SE-) HPLC used to determine the amount of oligo PEG-IFN forms and aggregates in the different IEC fractions.

Figure 5 is a MALDI-TOF spectrograph showing the molecular weight of each positional isomer.

Figure 6 is a MALDI-TOF Lys-C peptide map of the PEG-IFN reference standard and the peaks 1, 2, 3, 4, 4a, 5, 6, 7, and 8.

Figure 7 is an RP-HPLC chromatogram of the Lys-C digests of the Peg-IFN reference and peak 4a.

Figure 8 is an analytical HPLC of 5-10µg of PEG-IFN alpha 2a mixture of positional isomers as described in Example 1B.

Figure 9 is a ribbon structure of interferon alpha-2a showing the pegylation sites.